

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Meeting
July 19, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Ag Board Members Present: Len DeBuck, Sharon Soons, Maire Ulrich, John Wright, Alan Sorensen, Paul Wiley, Dennis Smith.

Guests Present: K. Apostolides – OC Farm Market Coordinator.

7:10pm call to order.

Dennis motion to accept June minutes - second Paul. All ok

Maybe add ag business plan Nathaniel mentioned to minutes.

John Wright to accept accounts - Paul. all ok

Mike Simpson

Does he want to stay on the Board? If yes, he needs to fill out county ethics board form. Maire will get info to Len to get him to fill this out and see if he wants to stay.

Ag Bus Tour: 9/22 Friday morning.

Aimed at public officials: those on town boards, etc. Supposed to show them ag is still around and what it looks like now (it's different). Montgomery area.

Still figuring out logistics:

1. Adams tour 'back door'
2. Walkkill greenhouse pot farm - Flower House (Brian Pawelski)
3. Jeff Crist's Farm - Packing house
4. McGowin - Twin Ponds Farm (Brock's Farm - preserved farm that has been reinvigorated)
5. Bonnie Plants (maybe?)

Some discussion about Adams - wondering about buying if centralized. Each store has it's own buyer. Have a lot of non-food items that are local.

Vision HV does all the outreach to public officials.

Kristy gave update re: scavenger hunt. Launching first week of August

Grow local greenwood lake - putting out a farm dinner fundraiser in September. Len was happy to see these events.

Kristy to give bags to fair 200 cards and bags. They are doing a little kids farmers market with SNAP Ed. Have them shop for vegetables.

Story of food tent:

Kids display for information about dairy, some ag in the classroom materials, Farm Bureau, FSA tent, cow info re: feed and dairy.

Farmer meeting:

\$300 for vouchers for farm meeting (30 tickets @ \$10 each)

Vegetable growers ask for another \$300

Following that is the 4H alumni 100th anniversary gathering

Loose gathering

Advertsiing: Send details out to Farm Bureau people

Maire will also put it out to farmers

Sharon asks for \$300 to cover lunches - John wright second all in favor.

K to create Form on website with RSVP - Events?

How to gather policy info discussions during meeting? Name tags? Designate tables for participants.

Possible ice breakers:

New farm hack, new tool, have liaisons to introduce people to other people.

Maire spoke about Armed to Farm program: giving a series of tours staying in Kutz Camp (Mountain Lake Park). In October. New veterans interested in farming.

Onion production budget for RMA in NY red yellow seeded and transplants.

John asked about livestock program and board discussed how to spend 10K allocated. General discussion about motion to figure out how to support Glynwood's further funding for the slaughterhouse program. John Wright second all agreed.

Kristy to contact Sergio or Bob Ambrose to see if we can get an update on beef part of the plant.

Black Dirt fest tickets still available. \$50/ticket.

Pine Island Chamber

8:50 meeting adjourned.